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Appointment of 24 members of the Committee for Development Policy

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1998/46 and 1998/47, the Secretary-General has the honour to nominate 24 experts, whose names and titles are listed below, for appointment, in their personal capacity, as members of the Committee for Development Policy for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2019 and expiring on 31 December 2021 (see annex I).

2. In making these nominations, the Secretary-General has taken into account the Committee's need to have a diversity of development experience, comprising ecologists, economists and social scientists, as well as geographical balance, gender balance and a balance between continuity and change in the membership of the Committee. Biographical information on the persons nominated is set out in annex II.

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Annex I

Nominees for appointment to the Committee for Development Policy

Adriana Abdenur (Brazil), Professor at the Institute of International Relations at the Pontifical Catholic University

Debapriya Bhattacharya (Bangladesh), Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue

Winifred Byanyima (Uganda), Executive Director of Oxfam International

Ha-Joon Chang (Republic of Korea), Lecturer in Development Studies, Faculty of Economics and Reader in the Political Economy of Development, University of Cambridge

Diane Elson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland),* Professor Emeritus, University of Essex

Marc Fleurbaey (France),* Robert E. Kuenne Professor in Economics and Humanistic Studies, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (Japan),* Professor of International Affairs, the New School

Kevin Gallagher (United States of America), Director of the Global Development Policy Center at Boston University and Professor of Global Development Policy at the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies

Arunabha Ghosh (India), Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water

Sen Gong (China), Executive Vice-President of the Center for International Knowledge on Development, China

Trudi Hartzenberg (South Africa), Executive Director of the Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa (TRALAC)

Rashid Hassan (Sudan),* Professor and Director of the Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy in Africa, University of Pretoria

Stephan Klasen (Germany),* Professor of Economics (senior chair) and head of the Ibero-America Institute for Economic Research and the Courant Research Center "Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing and Transition Countries", University of Göttingen, Germany

Amina Mama (Nigeria), Chair of the Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies at the University of California, Davis, Director of the Feminist Research Institute, and Professor of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies.

Mariana Mazzucato (Italy), Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value at University College London (UCL), and Director of the UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose

Leticia Merino (Mexico)*, Professor at the Institute of Social Research, National Autonomous University of Mexico

Jacqueline Musiitwa (Zambia), Founder and Managing Partner of Hoja Law Group

* Nominated for reappointment as a member of the Committee.

Keith Nurse (Trinidad and Tobago),* Senior Fellow at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies and World Trade Organization Chair at the University of the West Indies

José Antonio Ocampo Gaviria (Colombia),* Member of the Board of Banco de la República, the central bank of Colombia and Professor (on leave) at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, United States of America

Teresa Ribera (Spain), Director of the Institute of Sustainable Development and International Relations

Meg Taylor (Papua New Guinea), Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum and Former Ambassador of Papua New Guinea to the United States of America, Mexico and Canada (in Washington, D.C.)

Taffere Tesfachew (Ethiopia), Consultant and former Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Kori Udovicki (Serbia), Head of the Center for Advanced Economic Studies

Natalya Volchkova (Russian Federation), Senior Lecturer, New Economic School and Central Economics and Mathematics Institute

* Nominated for reappointment as a member of the Committee.

Annex II

Biographical information on the nominees for appointment to the Committee for Development Policy[a]

Adriana Abdenur (Brazil)

Researcher and policy expert at Instituto Igarapé, in Rio de Janeiro, where she coordinates the Peacebuilding Division and leads Conflict Prevention and Resolution initiatives in Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. Founding coordinator of the BRICS Policy Center. Served as a Fulbright Scholar and fellow of the India China Institute. Taught development and international affairs at the New School University, Columbia University and Fundação Getúlio Vargas. She also worked as a policy consultant for numerous United Nations organizations, as well as the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. She has published widely on South-South cooperation, the BRICS and global governance, and the nexus between development and security. She holds an MA and Ph.D. in Sociology (International Development) from Princeton University.

Debapriya Bhattacharya (Bangladesh)

Macro-economist and public policy analyst. Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), a think-tank in Bangladesh. Former Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the WTO, United Nations office, and other international organizations in Geneva and Vienna (2007–2009) and concurrently accredited to the Holy See in the Vatican. As Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, he led the delegation to various forums on the WTO Doha Round. Other former positions include serving as President of the UNCTAD governing board as well as the coordinator of the LDC Group in the United Nations System in Geneva and Special Adviser on LDCs to the Secretary-General, Executive Director of the Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD), and Senior Research Fellow at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS). Senior Fulbright Fellow at the Centre for Global Development (CGD), Washington, D.C. Held a number of visiting positions including in UN-INTECH (Maastricht), University of Manchester and IDE (Tokyo) and was an Associate Fellow at the Asia Society, New York. Holds an MSc (Economics) with distinction and PhD (Economics) from the Plekhanov Institute of National Economy, Moscow. He undertook his post-doctoral research at Queen Elizabeth House, in Oxford.

Winifred Byanyima (Uganda)

Executive Director of Oxfam International. She is a global women's rights leader, human rights defender and a global authority on economic inequality. She was recently appointed to the Gender Equality Advisory Council for Canada's G7 Presidency, and to the Global Commission on the Future of Work established by the International Labour Organization. She currently serves as Chair of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Africa Regional Strategy Group, and has previously served as Co-Chair of both the WEF Annual Meeting in Davos and of the WEF Africa Meeting. She is a global ambassador for the Open Government Partnership and a member of the World Bank Advisory Council on Gender and Development. She has recently served on the United Nations High-Level Panels on Access to Medicines and on Women's Economic Empowerment. Former positions include Director on gender and development at the United Nations Development Programme and the African Union Commission. She served eleven years in the Ugandan Parliament after having

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participated in Uganda's liberation struggle against dictatorship. She holds an MSc. Mech. Eng. in Energy Conservation and the Environment from the Cranfield Institute of Technology.

Ha-Joon Chang (Republic of Korea)

Lecturer in Development Studies, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge. Reader in the Political Economy of Development, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge. Former Assistant Director of Development Studies, Faculty of Economics and Politics, University of Cambridge. Project Leader on "Industrial Organisation and Industrial Policy", Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Centre for Business Research, Department of Applied Economics, University of Cambridge. Project Coordinator on "Development of East and South-East Asia and a New Development Strategy — Role of the Government", United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Project Director on "Institutions and Economic Development — Theory, History, and Contemporary Experiences", World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER). Professorial Research Associate, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Visiting Professor at various universities, and consultant to United Nations and multilateral financial organizations. He holds a Ph.D. from the Faculty of Economics and Politics, University of Cambridge.

Diane Elson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Professor Emeritus, Department of Sociology, University of Essex, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and research affiliate, Centre for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University, United States of America. Previous positions include: Professor, Development Studies, University of Manchester; Special Adviser to the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women. Has provided advice to many development agencies (United Nations, governmental and non-governmental) and currently serves as advisor to UN-Women. Current research interest is fiscal and monetary policy and the realization of human rights, with a particular focus on economic development and gender inequality. Has published widely in journals, conference proceedings, books and monographs, and a chapter on her work is included in Fifty Key Thinkers on Development. Holds a doctorate in economics from the University of Manchester. In 2016 she was a recipient of the Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought.

Marc Fleurbaey (France)

Robert E. Kuenne Professor in Economics and Humanistic Studies, Professor of Public Affairs and the University Center for Human Values, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University; Chair on Welfare Economics and Social Justice, Collège d'Etudes Mondiales Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme; member of the steering committee of the International Panel on Social Progress; and, coordinating editor of Social Choice and Welfare and former Co-editor of Economics and Philosophy. Served as member of the (Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi) Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress (2008–2009); member of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change: Coordinating Lead Author, 5th Assessment Report (2010–2014). Former researcher at Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique and Centre de Recherche Sens, Ethique, Société, University Paris Descartes. His main areas of research are concerned with normative and public economics and theories of distributive justice. He is the author of numerous books and papers, and holds a PhD in Economics from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris.

Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (Japan)

Professor of International Affairs, the New School. Development economist specializing in human development, human rights and the political economy of development. Her co-authored book "Fulfilling Social and Economic Rights" (with T. Lawson-Remer and S. Randolph) received the Prize for Best Book in Human Rights Scholarship from the American Political Science Association. Other recent publications include: "Millennium Development Goals: Ideas, Interests, Influence" (2017); "Human Rights and the Capability Approach: An Interdisciplinary Conversation" (ed. with P. Vizard and D. Elson). Currently Chair of the University of Oslo Panel on Global Governance for Health. She served on the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines and Innovation and the Lancet Commission on Global Governance for Health. She was lead author and Director, UNDP Human Development Reports, from 1995 to 2004.

Kevin Gallagher (USA)

Director of the Global Development Policy Center at Boston University and Professor of Global Development Policy at the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies. He is the coordinator of the Global Development Policy Program at Boston University. Visiting scholar, International Development Program, at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. Senior Research Fellow at the Global Development and Environment Institute, Tufts University. He co-chairs the Think 20 (T20) network of research institutes and think tanks from the G20 countries' task Force on "An International Financial Architecture for Stability and Development". He is an advisor to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and Member of the United States Department of State Advisory Committee for International Economic Policy. Former positions include member of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and member of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation. He has been the principal Investigator for the MacArthur Foundation (2014–2016 and 2016–2018) and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (2015–2017 and 2017–2019). He is the author of numerous books and publications on economic issues. He holds a PhD in International Political Economy from Tufts University.

Arunabha Ghosh (India)

Chief Executive Officer of the Council on energy, environment and water in New Delhi. He is a public policy professional, adviser, author, columnist and institution builder and has expertise in global governance, international relations and human development, including climate, energy, trade, natural resources and water, intellectual property, development assistance, conflict and extremism. Co-author or co-editor of various books and papers. He is an adviser to governments and international negotiations, with several years of experience in international organizations, including the United Nations Development Programme, World Trade Organization, Asian Development Bank, Commonwealth Secretariat, DFID, IDRC, International Energy Agency, International Finance Corporation, IPCC, Oxfam International, Transparency International, United Kingdom Ministry of Justice, USAID and the World Bank. He holds regular public lectures and presentations, including to the President of India, the Indian Parliament, the European Parliament and the Brazilian Senate. He holds an MPhil and PhD in International Relations from the University of Oxford and is a Global Leaders Fellow at Princeton University and the University of Oxford.

Sen Gong (China)

Executive Vice-President of the Center for International Studies on Development (CIKD), China. Former positions include Director-General of the Institute of Public Administration and Human Resources at the Development Research Center of the State Council; Deputy Director-General in the Department of Social Development at the Development Research Center of the State Council; Director for the Macro-Policy Research Office, Institute of Social Insurance Studies at the Ministry of Labour. He served as a consultant for various international organizations, including UNDP, WHO, World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. He is the author of various publications on sustainable development issues, particularly the social sector, and holds a PhD in Social Policy from the University of Sheffield, United Kingdom.

Trudi Hartzenberg (South Africa)

Executive Director the Trade Law Centre (TRALAC), which focuses on building policy and institutional capacity in Africa to enhance trade policy and governance. She is an economist working in the areas of trade and industrial policy, regional integration, competition policy and investment. Taught economics at the University of Natal in South Africa, and at the University of Cape Town. She has published in the areas of international trade, regional integration, investment, industrial policy and competition law and policy, and small business development, and has worked as a consultant with regional and multilateral institutions such as the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, African Development Bank, World Trade Organization, SADC, SACU and the Africa Economic Research Consortium. She has worked extensively with governments in the field of competition law and policy and as a consultant to law firms and private companies. She has been engaged to conduct a ten and fifteen-year review of South Africa's competition policy. She holds a Master in Economics from the University of Natal, South Africa.

Rashid Hassan (Sudan)

Professor and Director of the Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy in Africa, University of Pretoria. Previously worked at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research of South Africa, the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in East Africa, and University of Juba, South Sudan. Served as member of many national and international boards and science councils including: the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research Science Council (CGIAR), Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC), Global Environment Facility Science and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP), Science Panel and Co-Chair of the Condition and Trends Working Group of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) on Food Security and Climate Change of the Committee on World Food Security, Academic Advisory Panel for the World Development Report (WDR 2009) on climate change, Stockholm Resilience Centre Board, Stockholm Environment Institute Science Council, Human Sciences Research Council of South African Board. Member of the Academy of Sciences of South Africa and Fellow of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS), Senior Fellow of the Center for Development Research (ZEF) at the University of Bonn, Senior Fellow of the African Association of Agricultural Economists. Founding Chief Editor of the African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, associate editor and member of editorial boards of many international journals. He has published widely, and holds MSc and PhD degrees in economics from University of Khartoum in the Sudan and Iowa State University, United States of America.

Stephan Klasen (Germany)

Professor of Economics (senior chair) and head of the Ibero-America Institute for Economic Research as well as the Courant Research Center "Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing and Transition Countries", University of Göttingen, Germany. Previous positions include: Professor of Economics, University of Munich; fellow of King's College, University of Cambridge; Economist, World Bank. He has also consulted for various international organizations, including UNESCO, UNDP, OECD, World Bank, IMF, Asian Development Bank, as well as bilateral aid organizations and governments in developing countries. Research interests focus on poverty, inequality, and gender issues in developing countries. Author of more than 100 scientific papers and several edited volumes on these issues. He is president of the European Development Research Network and was a Coordinating Lead Author for the 5th Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Holds a master's degree and a PhD degree in economics from Harvard University.

Amina Mama (Nigeria)

Chair of the Department of Gender and Women Studies at the University of California, Davis, Director of the Feminist Research Institute, Professor of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, and Chair of the board of directors for the Global Fund for Women. Previous positions include board of directors of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. Researcher and scholar, she has lived and worked in Nigeria, South Africa, the United Kingdom of Britain and Northern Ireland, the Netherlands and the United States of America. She spent 10 years (1999–2009) leading the establishment of the University of Cape Town's African Gender Institute as a continental resource dedicated to developing transformative scholarship bringing feminist theory and activism together. She published widely and is the founding editor of the continental journal of gender studies "Feminist Africa". Committed to strengthening activism and activist research in African contexts, her research interests include culture and subjectivity, politics and policy, women's movements and militarism. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Occupation and Applied Psychology from Birkbeck College, University of London.

Mariana Mazzucato (Italy)

Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value at University College London (UCL), and Director of the UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose. Her book "The Entrepreneurial State: debunking public vs. private sector myths" was on the 2013 Books of the Year list of the Financial Times and focused on the need to develop new frameworks to understand the role of the state in economic growth. She is the winner of the 2014 New Statesman SPERI Prize in Political Economy, the 2015 Hans-Matthöfer-Preis, and, in 2013, she was named as one of the "3 most important thinkers about innovation" in the New Republic. She has advised policy makers around the world on innovation-led growth and is currently a member of the Scottish Government's Council of Economic Advisors; the World Economic Forum's Council on the Economics of Innovation; and SITRA's (the Finnish Innovation Fund) Advisory Panel. Her research focuses on the relationship between financial markets, innovation, and economic growth — and how to allow smart, innovation-led growth to be also more inclusive and sustainable. She previously held the RM Phillips Chair at Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU), University of Sussex and has held academic positions at the University of Denver, the London Business School, Bocconi University and the Open University. She holds a PhD in Economics from the New School for Social Research in New York.

Leticia Merino (Mexico)

Professor at the Institute of Social Research and the postgraduate programme on sustainability sciences at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Has worked extensively on the contribution of natural resources to the livelihoods of rural communities. Specialized in environmental governance. Former president of the International Association for the Study of the Commons and coordinator of the Elinor Ostrom Award, and member of the Board of the International Association for the Study of the Commons and of the Board of the community programme of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation; a lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystems; a fellow of the International Leadership for Environment and Development Program and of the International Forestry Resources and Institutions research programme; and a consultant for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Bank, the Ministry of Environment of Mexico, the Ministry of Environment of El Salvador, the Ford Foundation and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit. Has authored and co-authored several books and articles and has been an invited teacher at various Universities. Holds a master's degree in Population from Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, and a PhD in Anthropology from the National Autonomous University of Mexico and has undertaken postdoctoral studies at the Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University.

Jacqueline Musiitwa (Zambia)

Founder and Managing Partner of Hoja Law Group (New York/Kigali). She is an expert in African commercial affairs and innovative problem-solving with a background in legal transactions, market entry and expansion strategy, risk mitigation and government and investor relations. She has experience in government, international organizations, the private sector, civil society and academia in various global markets. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Davidson College and received executive education from the Harvard Kennedy School in Global Leadership and Public Policy in the 21st Century; leadership executive education from Oxford Business School; Private International Law certificate from the Hague Academy of International Law; Juris Doctor from the University of Melbourne Law School; and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Australian National University.

Keith Nurse (Trinidad and Tobago)

Senior Fellow at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies, the World Trade Organization Chair at the University of the West Indies (UWI) and adjunct teaching staff at the Arthur Lok Jack School of Business, Trinidad and Tobago. He formerly served as the Executive Director of UWI Consulting Inc. and the Director of the Shridath Ramphal Centre for International Trade Law, Policy and Services. He is a member of the Economic Development Advisory Board, Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and serves on the Bureau of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy. He has served as a consultant to several international (e.g. UNESCO, UNIDO, ACP, OAS, OECD, IDB, IDRC, South Centre, Medical Research Council United Kingdom) and regional organizations (Caribbean Tourism Organization, Caribbean Export, Compete Caribbean, CARICOM). He has published scholarly articles and policy reports in issue areas like innovation and trade policy, the creative industries and entrepreneurship, tourism and global value chains, migration and diasporas, gender and global restructuring, and climate change and sustainable development.

José Antonio Ocampo Gaviria (Colombia)

Member of the Board of Banco de la República, Colombia's central bank. He is also Professor (on leave) at the School of International and Public Affairs, co-President of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue and Member of the Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University. He has occupied numerous positions at the United Nations and his native Colombia, including United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and Minister of Finance, Minister of Agriculture and Director of the National Planning Office of Colombia. In 2015–2016, he was also the head of Colombia's Rural Development Commission. In 2012 he was one of the two candidates from developing countries for President of the World Bank. He has received numerous academic distinctions, including the 2012 Jaume Vicens Vives award of the Spanish Association of Economic History for the best book on Spanish or Latin American economic history, the 2008 Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought and the 1988 Alejandro Angel Escobar National Science Award of Colombia. He has published extensively on macroeconomic theory and policy, international financial issues, economic and social development, international trade and Colombian and Latin American economic history.

Teresa Ribera (Spain)

Director of the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), a leading research and advisory institute in the fields of climate and energy, biodiversity and oceans, sustainable development and global governance, both in multilateral-global contexts and regional and local policies. She was closely involved in the preparations of the COP 21 on climate change, leading up to the Paris Agreement; climate vulnerability and resilience; and worked extensively on poverty, security and development finance. Former positions include Secretary of State of Climate Change in the Ministry of Environment, Rural and Marine Affairs of Spain, and Director-General of the Spanish Climate Change Office. She holds a post graduate degree in public law from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid and a Masters in Constitutional Law and Political Science from the Centro de Estudios Constitucionales.

Meg Taylor (Papua New Guinea)

Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum (a political grouping of 16 independent and self-governing States). Former Ambassador of Papua New Guinea to the United States of America, Mexico and Canada (in Washington, D.C.), from 1989–1994. In 2002, she was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Other former positions include practicing law with the Office of the Public Solicitor and in the private sector, and serving as a member of the Law Reform Commission. She was Vice President and Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) of the World Bank Group in 1999, following a selection process led by civil society, industry and academia. She has served on the board of the Bank of Papua New Guinea and on the boards of a number of companies in Papua New Guinea in the natural resources, financial and agricultural sectors, as well as on the boards of companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. She has also served on the boards of international conservation and research organizations. She holds an LL.B from Melbourne University, Australia and an LL.M from Harvard University, United States of America

Taffere Tesfachew (Ethiopia)

Independent consultant on investment, technology, trade and development-related issues. Former Director of the Africa, Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Special Programmes Division at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), coordinating the contributions of UNCTAD to nearly 90 developing countries and led a team of economists for two annual reports published by UNCTAD namely, the "Economic Development in Africa Report" and the "Least Developed Countries Report". He has national and international experience on development issues, in particular trade and development and the interrelated areas of investment, industrial policy, technology, enterprise development and regional integration. He has represented the United Nations in various national, regional and multilateral forums, including providing evidence and expert advice to an inquiry by the British All-Party Parliamentary Group on Trade and Poverty. He holds a BA and MA degree in Economics from the University of Lancaster, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and an MPhil and a PhD in Economics from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, United Kingdom.

Kori Udovicki (Serbia)

Head of the Center for Advanced Economic Studies (CEVES) in Belgrade, independent think-and-do-tank devoted to advancing Serbia's economic recovery, democratic consolidation and convergence with the European Union. Former positions include Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration and Local Self-Government of Serbia, Minister of Energy and Mines of Serbia, Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Governor of the National Bank of Serbia, and Economist at the International Monetary Fund. She holds a PhD in Economics from Yale University.

Natalya Volchkova (Russian Federation)

Senior Lecturer and Policy Director at the Center for Economic and Financial Research, New Economic School, Central Economics and Mathematics Institute, Moscow. Former positions include visiting scholar at the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics; Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Lecturer in International Economics at the International College of Economics and Finance, Moscow. In terms of civic and international affairs activities, she is involved as a Member in the Open Government of Russia, the South Africa Russia dialogue forum, the Council for Global Problem Solving, and in the Expert Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission. She is the author of various publications and books on economic issues and has been awarded VISBY Scholarship for Senior Researchers (Sweden), and the Fulbright Scholarship for Visiting Scholars (United States of America). She holds a PhD in Economics from the Central Economics and Mathematics Institute in Moscow.